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APPLICANT: BERGER ET AL PCT EXAMINER: U. RAJGURU
SERIAL NO.: 09/403,557 GROUP: 1711
FILED: OCTOBER 25, 1999
TITLE: COMPONENT FOR PRODUCING POLYMER MIXTURES BASED ON STARCH, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPONENT

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

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The total cost for a three-month extension of time for a Small Entity is \$460.00, minus \$55.00 previously paid. Therefore the remaining cost for the second and third month of the three month extension is \$405.00. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$405.00, covering the fee of the second and third month extension for a SMALL Entity.

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Respectfully submitted,
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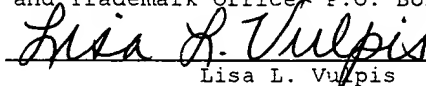
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